Six children of NALC members have been awarded NALC memorial scholarships for excellence in both school work and community involvement.

Five students will receive $4,000 from the William C. Doherty Scholarship Fund. The award, renewable for three more years, was created in 1962 in honor of NALC’s president from 1941 to 1962.

The sixth student will receive the $1,000 John T. Donelon Scholarship, also renewable. The Donelon award, established in 2004 by a separate trust, was created to recognize the longtime assistant to three national NALC presidents.

The William C. Doherty Scholarship Committee, which also administers the Donelon award, met April 26-28 at NALC Headquarters. The committee is comprised of Sandy Laemmel of Detroit Branch 1, Jackie White of Los Angeles Branch 24, and Art Muoio of Rochester, New York Branch 210. The committee was assisted by three respected educators in making the final selection of this year’s winners: W. H. Sherrill, retired Dean of Admissions and Records at Howard University; Dr. Georgia Booker, retired director of the Office of Guidance Counseling Services for the District of Columbia’s public schools.

The committee issued the following report:

“On this, the 48th anniversary of the founding of the William C. Doherty Scholarship program and the sixth anniversary of the John T. Donelon Scholarship, we processed 1,547 applications, in contrast to processing 1,727 applications in 2009.

“For purposes of this scholarship program, the country is divided into five geographic regions. Under the procedure, eliminations were made to reach the allowed figure of five scholarships—one to each of the five regions. At present, each Doherty scholarship is valued at $16,000, which represents $4,000 annually, renewable for three consecutive years. The John T. Donelon scholarship provides for one scholarship of $1,000 annually, also renewable for three consecutive years.

“Including this year’s winners, our program has aided 563 children of letter carriers in their pursuit of higher education. We strongly urge the parents of high school seniors to pay particular attention to the July through December 2010 issues of The Postal Record for the 2011 scholarship application form, which will be printed only in those issues. It is also available on the website, nalc.org.

“It is essential that applications be complete and all submissions made timely. The

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Committee emphasizes the necessity of answering all questions on the required forms and providing all the information requested. We would like to stress the importance of applicants' demonstrating diversity in extracurricular activities, sports, leadership, elected office and work experience, as well as scholastic excellence. Applicants are rated on all the above areas.

“The Committee appreciates the cooperation of the various branches and state associations and encourages them to continue to publicize the scholarship program. We appreciate the contributions from our members who generously support the scholarship program. The value of college education to our young men and women is incalculable. With the continuing increase in the cost of college, we urge every member to make a contribution to the Doherty scholarship fund. Any contribution will help to sustain this worthy program.

“The participation of President Fredric Rolando, Secretary-Treasurer Jane Broendel and other resident officers and staff was an invaluable contribution to this committee.

“We sincerely express our appreciation for this opportunity to serve the NALC membership in administering this program.”

Please support the William C. Doherty and John T. Donelon Scholarship Funds, c/o NALC 100 Indiana Ave. NW Washington, DC 20001-2144

NALC President Fred Rolando has appointed two letter carriers to specialized positions within the union’s Contract Administration Unit at national headquarters.

Indianapolis, Indiana Branch 39’s Dave Miller will focus on the rollout of the Joint Alternate Route Adjustment Process (JARAP—see page 5). Miller, the former president of the Indiana State Association of Letter Carriers, will also oversee the CAU’s withholding/excessing database, work on revisions to the Joint Contract Administration Manual (JCAM), and help maintain the unit’s Materials Reference System (MRS).

In Indiana, Miller served as a local business agent and was Branch 39’s chief steward from 2001 to 2007. He also held branch office as director of education and recording secretary, and has served as the Step B representative for the Greater Indiana and Kentuckiana districts.

Miller is a 2006 graduate of the NALC Leadership Academy.

William Bothwell, a member of New Hampshire Merged Branch 44, will concentrate on advocating the numerous grievances that have been filed over management’s alleged misapplication of the National Reassessment Process.

The NRP was devised to reassess limited duty job offers and how such offers are made. Last June, the NALC and the Postal Service settled a national level grievance where the Association had contended that the USPS was using NRP to implement a new “necessary work” standard for the creation and continuation of limited duty and rehabilitation as well as new criteria for assigning limited duty. The national level settlement allowed for the continued processing of hundreds grievances that had been held in abeyance pending the outcome of the national case.

Bothwell has served for more than 10 years as Branch 44’s chief steward and arbitration advocate, and was the branch’s vice president for the last three years. Since 2001, he has also held office as treasurer of the New Hampshire State Association. He will work at NALC Headquarters with Ron Watson, a retired member of Corvallis, Oregon Branch 1274, who is a familiar face in the Vincent R. Sombrotto Building, having formerly served for many years as national director of compensation.